

IR ABSTRACT

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RESEARCH AT DEPAUL UNIVERSITY

DePaul's Four-Year Graduation Rate is Highest Ever

One of the most significant trends in student success at DePaul is the steady increase in four-year graduation rates over the past five years. This year, the four-year graduation rate for the 2008 freshman class was the highest ever at 55.9 percent, up 13 percentage points from the 2003 class.

This means that while there was a 13 percent increase in the number of freshmen enrolling at DePaul from 2003 to 2008, the number graduating in four years increased by 48

percent, or from 967 to 1,428 graduates.

As a result, from the 2003 to 2006 cohorts (the last year that six-year graduation rates are available) the gap between the four-year and six-year graduation rates has declined from 21 percentage points to 17. This trend suggests that entering freshmen are graduating faster.

First-Year Retention, Four-Year, Five-Year, and Six-Year Graduation Rates 1992-2011

